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## 4,6-Dibromo-2,3-dimethylphenol

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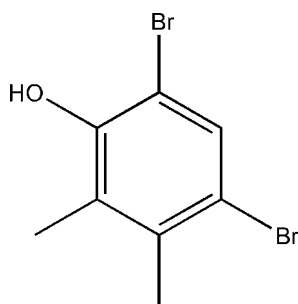
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Key indicators: single-crystal X-ray study;  $T = 298$  K; mean  $\sigma(\text{C}-\text{C}) = 0.006$  Å;  $R$  factor = 0.037;  $wR$  factor = 0.090; data-to-parameter ratio = 22.1.

The molecule of the title compound,  $\text{C}_8\text{H}_8\text{Br}_2\text{O}$ , is approximately planar with a maximum deviation of 0.063 (1) Å for one of the Br atoms. In the crystal, adjacent molecules are joined intermolecular  $\text{O}-\text{H}\cdots\text{O}$  hydrogen bonds, forming chains parallel to [010]. The structure also features a short  $\text{Br}\cdots\text{Br}$  interaction of 3.362 (1) Å.

### Related literature

For the synthesis, see: Lai *et al.* (1993). For a related structure, see: Bringmann & Messer (2001).



### Experimental

#### Crystal data

$\text{C}_8\text{H}_8\text{Br}_2\text{O}$

$M_r = 279.96$

Monoclinic,  $P2_1$   
 $a = 7.3604$  (5) Å  
 $b = 4.4310$  (6) Å  
 $c = 14.0245$  (10) Å  
 $\beta = 92.482$  (1)°  
 $V = 456.96$  (8) Å<sup>3</sup>

$Z = 2$   
Mo  $K\alpha$  radiation  
 $\mu = 8.81$  mm<sup>-1</sup>  
 $T = 298$  K  
 $0.16 \times 0.12 \times 0.10$  mm

#### Data collection

Bruker SMART CCD area-detector diffractometer  
Absorption correction: multi-scan (SADABS; Sheldrick, 1996)  
 $T_{\min} = 0.333$ ,  $T_{\max} = 0.473$

5557 measured reflections  
2250 independent reflections  
1882 reflections with  $I > 2\sigma(I)$   
 $R_{\text{int}} = 0.042$

#### Refinement

$R[F^2 > 2\sigma(F^2)] = 0.037$   
 $wR(F^2) = 0.090$   
 $S = 0.99$   
2250 reflections  
102 parameters  
H-atom parameters constrained

$\Delta\rho_{\text{max}} = 0.57$  e Å<sup>-3</sup>  
 $\Delta\rho_{\text{min}} = -0.29$  e Å<sup>-3</sup>  
Absolute structure: Flack (1983), 1275 Friedel pairs  
Flack parameter: 0.02 (2)

Table 1

Hydrogen-bond geometry (Å, °).

$D-H\cdots A$	$D-H$	$H\cdots A$	$D\cdots A$	$D-H\cdots A$
$\text{O1}-\text{H1}\cdots\text{O1}^i$	0.82	2.25	2.913 (4)	139

Symmetry code: (i)  $-x + 1, y - \frac{1}{2}, -z + 2$ .

Data collection: SMART (Bruker, 1997); cell refinement: SAINT (Bruker, 1999); data reduction: SAINT; program(s) used to solve structure: SHELXS97 (Sheldrick, 2008); program(s) used to refine structure: SHELXL97 (Sheldrick, 2008); molecular graphics: SHELXTL (Sheldrick, 2008); software used to prepare material for publication: SHELXTL.

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**S1. Comment**

In the title compound,  $C_8H_8Br_2O$ , the adjacent molecules are joined together by the  $O1-H1\cdots O1$  ( $-x, y-1/2, 2-z$ ) hydrogen bond, forming a one-dimensional chain running parallel to the [010] direction (Table 1 and Figure 2). Also  $Br\cdots Br$  interaction was observed in (I) with a distance of 3.362 (1) Å between them. All the bond lengths and angles are similar to the reported compound (Bringmann *et al.*, 2001).

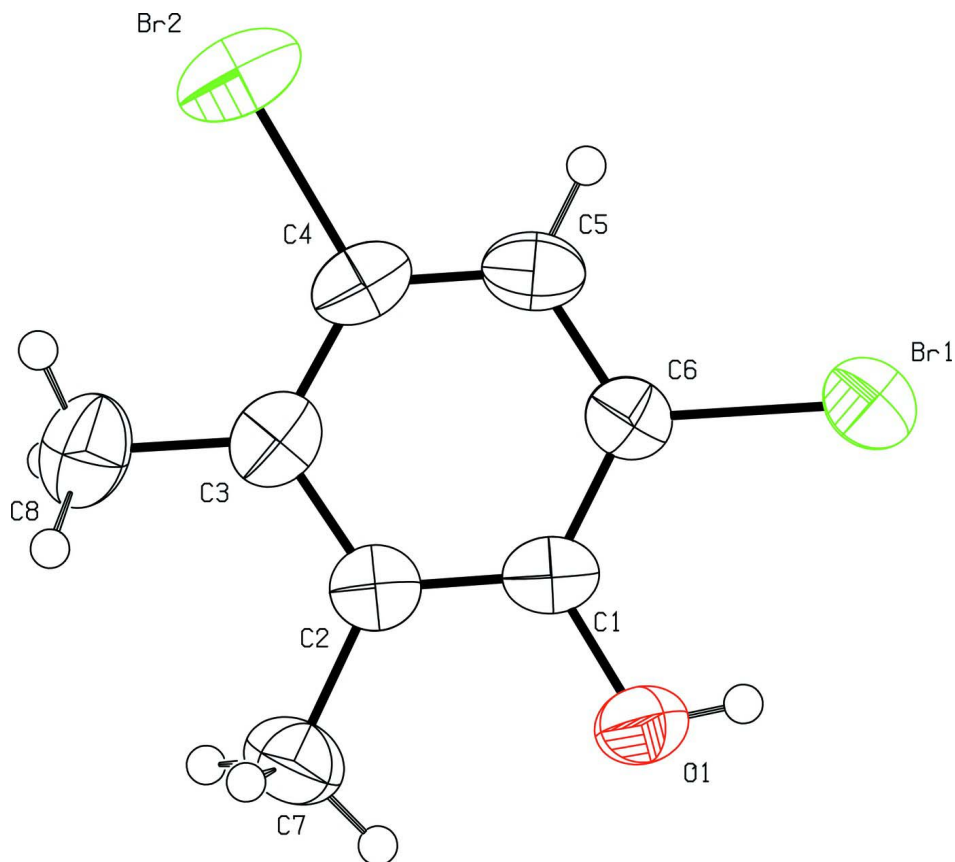
**S2. Experimental**

The title compound, synthesized by 2,3-dimethyl phenylamine through three steps such as bromination, diazotization-bromination-hydrolysis reaction. The operating process was based on the literature (Lai *et al.*, 1993) and made some improvement.

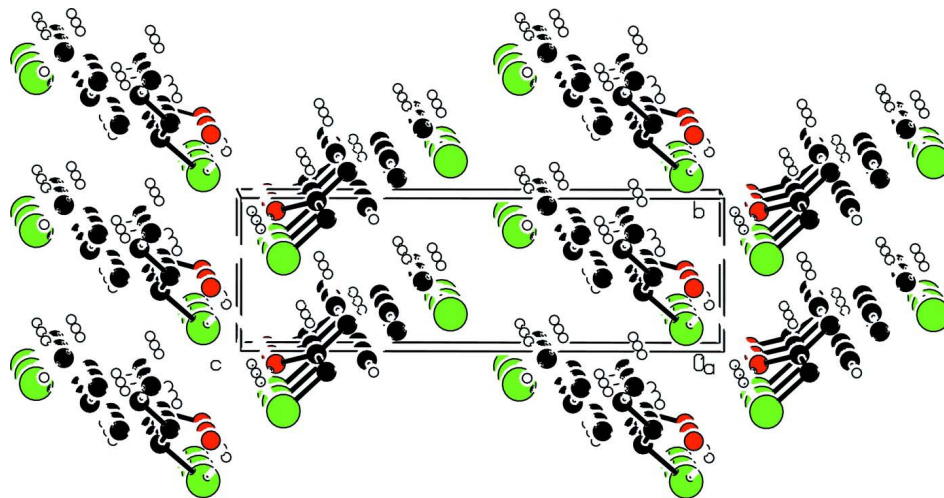
Firstly, 1-amino-4-bromo-2,3-dimethylbenzene was prepared from 2,3-dimethyl phenylamine as described in the literature (Lai *et al.*, 1993). Then treatment as follows: Sodium nitrite (1.75 g, 25 mmol) in water (10 ml) was added dropwise into the rapidly stirring mixture of 40% hydrogen bromide (15 ml) containing 1-amino-2,3-dimethylbenzene (5.00 g, 25 mmol). The mixture was kept in an ice-bath stirring for 2 h, while the temperature was kept below 5°C by the addition of pieces of ice. Then added 1.97 g (14 mmol) cuprous bromide which was pretreated by refluxing with 10 ml 40% hydrogen bromide solution for 1 h. After the addition the mixture was heated refluxing for an additional 1 h, and then cooled to room temperature, extracted by methylene chloride. The organic layer was washed by water, dried by anhydrous sodium sulfate, evaporated under reduced pressure and chromatographed on silica gel with hexane as the eluent. The title compound was obtained as needle crystal solid 1.82 grams. Yield was 26%. Colorless needle-like single crystals suitable for X-ray diffraction studies were obtained by slow evaporation of a solution of the title compound in chloroform: methanol (3: 1) at room temperature.

**S3. Refinement**

In (I), all carbon H atoms were positioned geometrically and refined as riding atoms, with  $C-H = 0.93$  Å and  $U_{iso}(H) = 1.2U_{eq}(C)$  for aromatic H atoms, and  $C-H = 0.96$  Å and  $U_{iso}(H) = 1.5U_{eq}(C)$  for methyl H atoms. H1 atom was found first from the difference map and placed at its ideal position with the  $O-H = 0.82$  Å and  $U_{iso}(H) = 1.5U_{eq}(O)$ . The Friedel pairs is 1275.

**Figure 1**

The structure of the title compound, showing 30% probability displacement ellipsoids and the atom-numbering scheme.

**Figure 2**

Part of the crystal packing, showing the formation of the one-dimensional chain in (I) by the O1—H1...O1(-*x*, *y* - 1/2, 2 - *z*) hydrogen bond.

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Cell parameters from 2355 reflections

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## Refinement

Refinement on  $F^2$ 

Least-squares matrix: full

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2250 reflections

102 parameters

0 restraints

Primary atom site location: structure-invariant  
direct methodsSecondary atom site location: difference Fourier  
mapHydrogen site location: inferred from  
neighbouring sites

H-atom parameters constrained

 $w = 1/[\sigma^2(F_o^2) + (0.0403P)^2]$ where  $P = (F_o^2 + 2F_c^2)/3$  $(\Delta/\sigma)_{\max} = 0.001$  $\Delta\rho_{\max} = 0.57$  e Å<sup>-3</sup> $\Delta\rho_{\min} = -0.29$  e Å<sup>-3</sup>Absolute structure: Flack (1983), 1275 Friedel  
pairs

Absolute structure parameter: 0.02 (2)

## Special details

**Geometry.** All e.s.d.'s (except the e.s.d. in the dihedral angle between two l.s. planes) are estimated using the full covariance matrix. The cell e.s.d.'s are taken into account individually in the estimation of e.s.d.'s in distances, angles and torsion angles; correlations between e.s.d.'s in cell parameters are only used when they are defined by crystal symmetry. An approximate (isotropic) treatment of cell e.s.d.'s is used for estimating e.s.d.'s involving l.s. planes.

**Refinement.** Refinement of  $F^2$  against ALL reflections. The weighted  $R$ -factor  $wR$  and goodness of fit  $S$  are based on  $F^2$ , conventional  $R$ -factors  $R$  are based on  $F$ , with  $F$  set to zero for negative  $F^2$ . The threshold expression of  $F^2 > \sigma(F^2)$  is used only for calculating  $R$ -factors(gt) etc. and is not relevant to the choice of reflections for refinement.  $R$ -factors based on  $F^2$  are statistically about twice as large as those based on  $F$ , and  $R$ -factors based on ALL data will be even larger.

Fractional atomic coordinates and isotropic or equivalent isotropic displacement parameters (Å<sup>2</sup>)

	$x$	$y$	$z$	$U_{\text{iso}}^*/U_{\text{eq}}$
Br1	0.87217 (5)	-0.34219 (12)	0.92038 (3)	0.05521 (15)
Br2	0.86105 (8)	0.29262 (15)	0.57447 (4)	0.0790 (2)
C1	0.5729 (5)	0.0139 (10)	0.8491 (3)	0.0436 (9)

C2	0.4789 (5)	0.2000 (10)	0.7846 (3)	0.0458 (10)
C3	0.5600 (6)	0.2866 (12)	0.6995 (3)	0.0496 (9)
C4	0.7350 (6)	0.1753 (13)	0.6843 (3)	0.0516 (9)
C5	0.8255 (5)	-0.0114 (11)	0.7471 (3)	0.0498 (10)
H5	0.9405	-0.0835	0.7342	0.060*
C6	0.7440 (5)	-0.0922 (9)	0.8300 (3)	0.0429 (9)
C7	0.2920 (6)	0.3103 (13)	0.8071 (4)	0.0621 (12)
H7A	0.2479	0.1971	0.8597	0.093*
H7B	0.2110	0.2837	0.7522	0.093*
H7C	0.2978	0.5204	0.8237	0.093*
C8	0.4589 (8)	0.4836 (14)	0.6281 (4)	0.0684 (14)
H8A	0.5442	0.5917	0.5911	0.103*
H8B	0.3849	0.6245	0.6610	0.103*
H8C	0.3828	0.3605	0.5866	0.103*
O1	0.4886 (4)	-0.0551 (8)	0.9326 (2)	0.0533 (8)
H1	0.5505	-0.1777	0.9634	0.080*

*Atomic displacement parameters (Å<sup>2</sup>)*

	$U^{11}$	$U^{22}$	$U^{33}$	$U^{12}$	$U^{13}$	$U^{23}$
Br1	0.0508 (2)	0.0528 (2)	0.0620 (3)	0.0041 (2)	0.00077 (17)	-0.0045 (2)
Br2	0.0927 (4)	0.0918 (4)	0.0547 (3)	-0.0172 (3)	0.0285 (3)	-0.0037 (3)
C1	0.043 (2)	0.0419 (19)	0.046 (2)	-0.0093 (17)	0.0072 (16)	-0.0128 (19)
C2	0.047 (2)	0.042 (3)	0.049 (2)	-0.0074 (17)	0.0016 (16)	-0.0067 (17)
C3	0.061 (2)	0.044 (2)	0.043 (2)	-0.012 (2)	-0.0015 (18)	-0.007 (2)
C4	0.059 (2)	0.054 (2)	0.043 (2)	-0.015 (2)	0.0118 (16)	-0.004 (2)
C5	0.045 (2)	0.049 (2)	0.056 (3)	-0.006 (2)	0.0103 (18)	-0.014 (2)
C6	0.043 (2)	0.042 (2)	0.043 (2)	-0.0011 (17)	-0.0010 (16)	-0.0099 (18)
C7	0.046 (2)	0.066 (3)	0.074 (3)	0.004 (2)	0.007 (2)	0.001 (3)
C8	0.089 (4)	0.063 (3)	0.052 (3)	-0.001 (3)	-0.006 (3)	0.002 (3)
O1	0.0545 (17)	0.0582 (19)	0.0482 (18)	0.0023 (15)	0.0143 (13)	0.0007 (15)

*Geometric parameters (Å, °)*

Br1—C6	1.903 (4)	C5—C6	1.379 (6)
Br2—C4	1.905 (4)	C5—H5	0.9300
C1—C6	1.381 (5)	C7—H7A	0.9600
C1—O1	1.383 (5)	C7—H7B	0.9600
C1—C2	1.387 (6)	C7—H7C	0.9600
C2—C3	1.411 (6)	C8—H8A	0.9600
C2—C7	1.507 (6)	C8—H8B	0.9600
C3—C4	1.404 (7)	C8—H8C	0.9600
C3—C8	1.501 (7)	O1—H1	0.8200
C4—C5	1.361 (7)		
C6—C1—O1	122.4 (4)	C5—C6—Br1	119.5 (3)
C6—C1—C2	120.6 (4)	C1—C6—Br1	119.9 (3)
O1—C1—C2	117.1 (3)	C2—C7—H7A	109.5

C1—C2—C3	119.8 (4)	C2—C7—H7B	109.5
C1—C2—C7	119.4 (4)	H7A—C7—H7B	109.5
C3—C2—C7	120.9 (4)	C2—C7—H7C	109.5
C4—C3—C2	117.2 (4)	H7A—C7—H7C	109.5
C4—C3—C8	122.4 (4)	H7B—C7—H7C	109.5
C2—C3—C8	120.4 (4)	C3—C8—H8A	109.5
C5—C4—C3	122.8 (4)	C3—C8—H8B	109.5
C5—C4—Br2	116.6 (3)	H8A—C8—H8B	109.5
C3—C4—Br2	120.6 (4)	C3—C8—H8C	109.5
C4—C5—C6	119.0 (4)	H8A—C8—H8C	109.5
C4—C5—H5	120.5	H8B—C8—H8C	109.5
C6—C5—H5	120.5	C1—O1—H1	109.5
C5—C6—C1	120.6 (4)		
C6—C1—C2—C3	-1.2 (6)	C2—C3—C4—Br2	-177.2 (3)
O1—C1—C2—C3	178.0 (4)	C8—C3—C4—Br2	4.2 (7)
C6—C1—C2—C7	179.6 (4)	C3—C4—C5—C6	-1.1 (7)
O1—C1—C2—C7	-1.3 (6)	Br2—C4—C5—C6	177.0 (3)
C1—C2—C3—C4	0.3 (6)	C4—C5—C6—C1	0.2 (6)
C7—C2—C3—C4	179.6 (4)	C4—C5—C6—Br1	-177.9 (3)
C1—C2—C3—C8	178.9 (4)	O1—C1—C6—C5	-178.2 (4)
C7—C2—C3—C8	-1.8 (7)	C2—C1—C6—C5	0.9 (6)
C2—C3—C4—C5	0.8 (7)	O1—C1—C6—Br1	-0.1 (5)
C8—C3—C4—C5	-177.8 (5)	C2—C1—C6—Br1	179.0 (3)

Hydrogen-bond geometry (Å, °)

<i>D</i> —H... <i>A</i>	<i>D</i> —H	H... <i>A</i>	<i>D</i> ... <i>A</i>	<i>D</i> —H... <i>A</i>
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O1—H1...Br1	0.82	2.57	3.108 (3)	124
C8—H8A...Br2	0.96	2.70	3.200 (6)	113

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